

1 Peter 5 The True Grace of God

8/16/09 - The Exchange

- I. Review
 - A. Context of whole letter, suffering because you are a Christian
 - B. Last week, living with expectations.
 - C. Closing bit, what keeps you going?
- II. 5:1-7
 - A. 5:1-4 Context of leaders in a time of persecution
 - i. 5:1
 - a) so - transitional word not translated, connects previous v.
 - b) elders - context means leads, not just aged.
 - c) fellow elder - both brings him down to their level and raises them up to his.
 - d) sufferings / glory to be revealed - always coupled letter
 - 2. 5:2
 - a) shepherd - command, just what it is
 - b) flock of God - who's flock?
 - c) serving as overseers - one word, see to it that, looking carefully
 - d) compulsion - no outward or inward force making you
 - e) willingly - deliberately, on purpose, even knowing better
 - f) dishonest gain - one word. Doing just to get something out of it.
 - g) eagerly - forward passion, raring to go because of the heart for the thing, not what might be gotten
 - 3. 5:3
 - a) not as being lords - not domineering, having dominion (5:11), being the boss of, Michael Scott
 - b) those entrusted to you - those who lost has been cast to you. Piece of rock or pottery marked.
 - c) examples - mark, print, impression (like on a lot), a figure, form, statue (as it is a replica of something else), in the pattern of something else (letter, teaching), to resemble someone else, prototype, pattern to be imitated or followed. Not a symbol, sign, or symbolic.
 - 4. 5:4
 - a) Chief Shepherd - arch shepherd, Jesus. His flock.
 - b) crown - stephanos, wreath, winners crown
 - c) glory - carries the idea of approval. "You did it!" "Well done, good and faithful servant."
 - d) does not fade - unnaturally doesn't decay
 - B. 5:5-7
 - i. 5:5
 - a) submit yourselves - command, repeated in letter
 - b) clothed - tie on the long white apron of a servant. Command.
 - c) humility - thinking of ourselves as we actually are in relation to others as we are in Jesus.
 - d) resists - set an army against, oppose, rebel

- e) **proud** - hyper shine
- f) **gives** - produces, provides, opposite of resists
- g) **humble** - low, opposite of hyper

2. **5:6**

- a) **humble yourselves** - command, who does it?
- b) **exalt** - lift up, raise high, elevate.
- c) **due time** - right occasion, proper season

3. **5:7**

- a) **casting upon him** - giving responsibility over to another
- b) **your care** - anxiety, stress, that which disrupts your personality and mind
- c) **He cares** - concerned, expends concern for
- d) **for** - on behalf of. We give our stresses to him, and he stresses for us. Yet does he stress? Nope, it's all done.

III. **5:8-11**

A. **5:8**

- 1. **sober** - clear headed, not drunk
- 2. **vigilant** - don't sleep but pay attention
- 3. **adversary** - opponent in a law suit
- 4. **devil** - title, adjective, not name. False accuser
- 5. **walks about, roaring** - drawing attention to himself, threatening
- 6. **lion** - counterfeit for Jesus?
- 7. **devour** - to swallow as in drinking

B. **5:9**

- 1. **resist** - to stand against, oppose, different from **5:5**
- 2. **firm** - solid as opposed to liquid food. Immovable.
- 3. **faith** - trust, that in which we stand firm against the devil whose desire is to undermine and erode our faith
- 4. **knowing** - knowing instinctively. In this case understanding that you aren't alone, the rest of the church is suffering the same.

C. **5:10**

- 1. **perfect** - 2675 restore, like an old car, building, house
- 2. **establish** - 4741 to fix firmly, strengthen
- 3. **strengthen** - 4599 opposite of weak, sick, diseased,
- 4. **settle** - 2311 to lay a foundation, establish, ground, confirm

IV. **5:12-14**

A. **5:12**

- 1. **briefly** - short, few
- 2. **true** - not hidden, cannot lie, evidenced by its results
- 3. **stand** - command, be established

B. **5:13 Babylon** - could be actual city, or coded reference to Rome

C. **5:14 kiss of love** - customary cultural greeting.

V. **Wrap up** - everything in life filtered through the true grace of God.